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1. A nearly completed subterranean factory located at Valasske Mezirici (Walachisch Meseritsch - P50/034) near Vsetin began large-scale production of tanks in January 1949. The tanks are medium sized and amphibious, and one 75 mm gun and three heavy machine guns are mounted on each.
2. Located 8 kms south of Valasske Mezirici, the factory consists of separate units that are connected by roads and railroad spurs. Most of the buildings are already completed and in operation, and the others will be finished in the near future. A railroad spur connects the factory with the line running between Valasske Mezirici and Vsetin (Vsetin - P50/043), and an 8 m. wide concrete road is being constructed which will connect the factory to the main Vsetin road.
3. The factory area, which is off limits to unauthorized civilians, is surrounded by a barbed wire fence and is guarded by an army detachment. Power will be supplied from the Bystrička dam.

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